

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION:

- Since 1997, SCWA, City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma cooperate under municipal storm water permit from the state of California
- In 2003, storm water permit requirements extended to include cities of Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, Windsor and Healdsburg
- Pollution prevention programs include public outreach programs, spill response training and alternative maintenance programs for local flood control channels
- In 2001, SCWA removed more than 62 tons of trash from flood control channels and creeks
- K-12 Water Education Program (provided by SCWA and City of Santa Rosa) provides classroom and field study instruction in the hydrological cycle, physical properties of water, necessity of water for all living things, water supply issues, treatment of wastewater and pollution prevention methods
- Spill response kits kept on all trucks and heavy equipment operating in or near flood channels
- Staff receive ongoing training on spill response and pollution prevention

PROJECT GOAL

*Reduce storm
water pollution
entering
Mark West Creek
and the
Russian River
watershed.*

PARTNERSHIPS:

- California Regional Water Control Board, North Coast Region
- City of Cotati
- City of Healdsburg
- City of Rohnert Park
- City of Santa Rosa
- City of Sebastopol
- County of Sonoma
- Local schools
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- Town of Windsor



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The Sonoma County Water Agency's Water Education program includes a field study component to teach local schoolchildren about the Russian River watershed